MINE SITE VISIT REPORT New Mexico AML Program

Date of Visit: August 22, 2007 **Weather:** Sunny, hot, windy 95°

Mine/Project Name: Piedra Trieste Mine – Northwest of Grants, New Mexico

Duration of Visit : 0.25 hour (1:45 pm to 2:00 pm)

Purpose of Visit: Maintenance inspection to the Piedra Trieste mine, part of the legacy site

assessment for AML project sites.

Observations: Travel to the project site; access to this site was from the north using the access

road. Location: T.13N., R.9W., Sec. 30, SW1/4,SE, NW1/4, Dos Lomas Quad. UTM Zone 13,

N3912820 E242410, Uranium Mine. This site is located on BLM land.

Signs of human activity were recent bulldozer tracks through the site. Vegetation is similar to undisturbed areas. Land use appears to be limited grazing for cattle but not recently. Previous reclamation is hard to find and appears to be a natural part of the landscape. Total site area is approximately 5 acres. The nearest residence appears to be over 1-mile away in the southeast direction.

Background radiometric levels of 20 & 21 μ R/hr at 1-meter and ground level respectively, were read utilizing a Ludlum Model-14C survey meter with a NaI Model 44-2 Gamma Scintillator probe and were taken northwest of the site access road. The overall ground within the middle portion of the disturbance area had radiometric levels the same as background. Only the "parking area" seen below had elevated readings of 271 μ R/hr at 1-meter and 571 μ R/hr at ground level.

This site is clean except for minor waste remnants along the two track access road at the northeast edge of the site. For complete details see topographic GPS info using the MapGuide map found at http://164.64.103.6/mmdtest/AML_Uranium-DEV.htm.

Further action recommended to mitigate radiometric levels. No other safety concerns at this time.

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Photos:



Center of Original Site Looking West



Mine Waste "Parking Area" in Background Looking Northwest